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# The Strength & Support of Mother's Love



## EDITORIAL

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Editor

### God, My Mother

**G**od, My Mother" was to be the title of my college roommate's first sermon, she declared with a wink one day, and it became a standing joke between us. The masculine gender we have ascribed to God has always been a source of question and humor. Even during the demonstration days for women's voting rights, women held signs with the words, "Brace up, dear sisters. Trust in God, for she will help you."

Yet, isn't the "born again" experience likened to a mother giving new birth (John 3:3-8)? And comparisons of God's love to a mother's love are found throughout Isaiah:

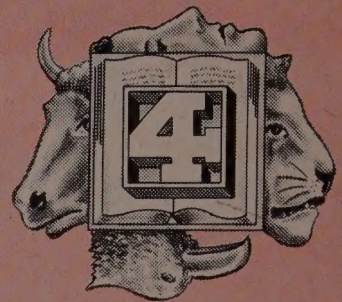
"As one whom his mother comforts,  
so I will comfort you" (Is. 66:13, NASV).

"Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
And have no compassion on the son of her  
womb?  
Even these may forget, but I will not forget  
you" (Is. 49:15, NASV).

And did not Christ actually live out traits usually thought of as belonging to a woman? The fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22,23), which Christ exemplified in its ultimate, is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control—put that against the stereotype of today's "macho" man.

Now don't get me wrong; in no way was Christ of weak countenance. He stormed through the temple in a righteous rage turning over the tables of the buyers and sellers who had made the holy temple a "den of thieves" (Matt. 21:12,13). Time and again, the Pharisees' jeering remarks were turned right around when Christ put them in their place.

No, it is the combination of this commanding authority and an unbelievable compassion for people that makes it almost unreasonable to compare Christ solely to one male or female gender. Instead, we can only recognize the strength usually ascribed to a man, and the gentleness understood as a feminine trait, and say, "Certainly, this is the Lamb of God."



### This We Believe

...that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God (II. Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:19-21).  
...that God is triune--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (I John 5:7; John 1:1,2,14).  
...that man fell through disobedience (Romans 5:12,19).  
...that Christ died to redeem us (Titus 2:14; Gal. 3:13).  
...that salvation is through grace (Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 3:23,24).  
...that repentance and acceptance are vital (I John 1:9; John 6:37b).  
...that new birth must be experienced to become a child of God (John 3:3; II Cor. 5:17).  
...in a daily Christian life (I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 6:1).  
...in water baptism through immersion (Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:41).  
...in the institution of the Lord's supper (I Cor. 11:23b-28).  
...in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5,8; 2:4).  
...in the Spirit filled life (Rom. 12:1,2; Gal. 5:16,25).  
...in the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:6-8; Gal. 5:22,23; John 15:8).  
...that we must be moderate in all things (Phil. 4:5).  
...in Divine healing (James 5:14-16; Matt. 8:17).  
...that the Second Coming of Christ is both imminent and personal (I Thess. 4:16,17).  
...in Church relationship and in civil government (Heb. 10:24,25; Rom. 13:1,3).  
...in the final judgment (Matt. 13:41-43).  
...in heaven and hell (I Cor. 2:9; John 14:2; Rev. 20:10,15).  
...in tithes and offerings to support the Lord's work (Malachi 3:10; II Cor. 9:7).  
...that the Church is responsible to evangelize all nations (Mark 16:15; John 4:35-37).

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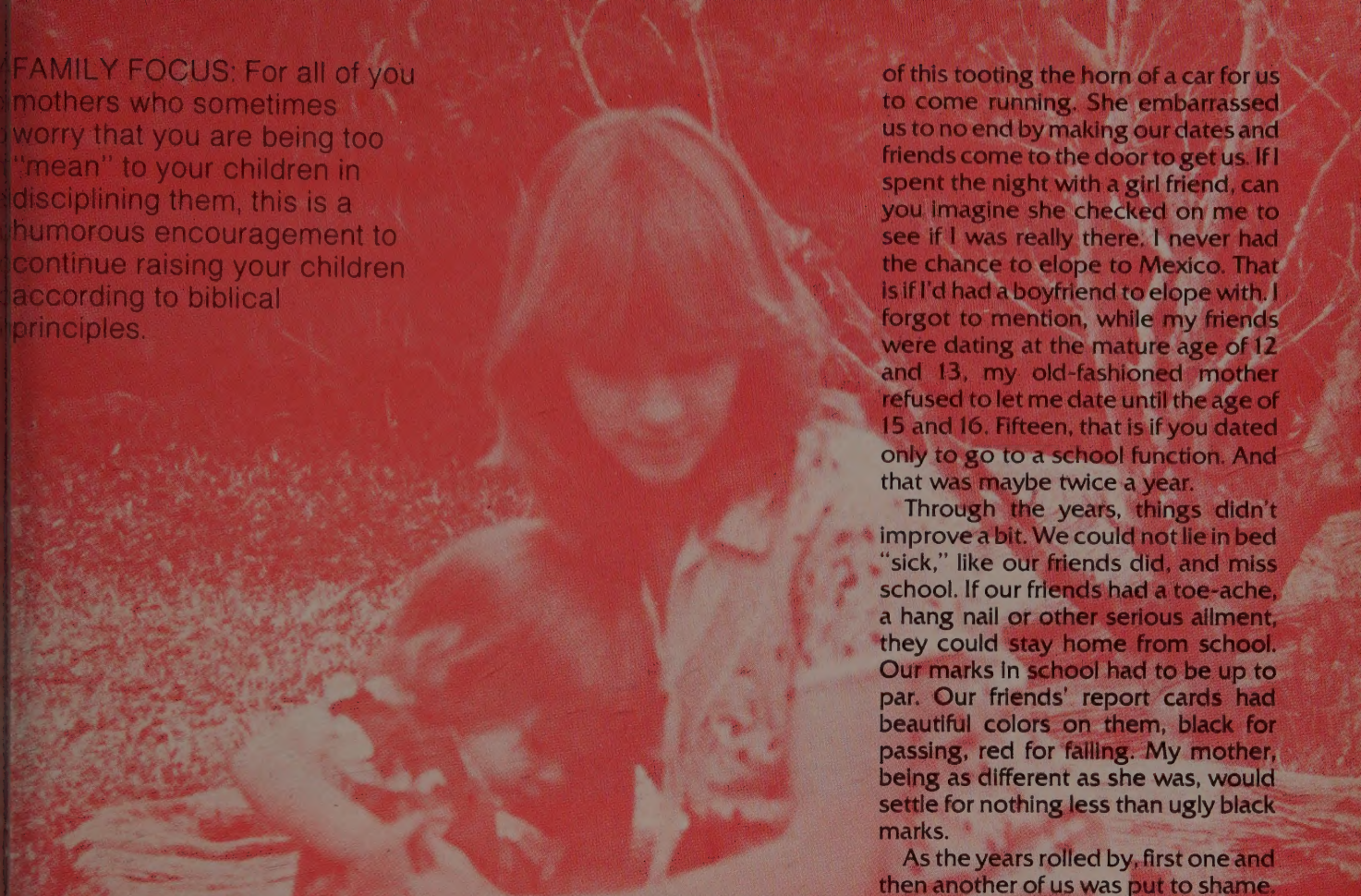
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**FAMILY FOCUS:** For all of you mothers who sometimes worry that you are being too "mean" to your children in disciplining them, this is a humorous encouragement to continue raising your children according to biblical principles.



# The Meanest Mother in the World

I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs or toast. When others had Cokes and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was different than the other kids' also.

But at least I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My sister and two brothers had the same mean mother as I did.

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour, that we be gone one hour or less—not one hour and one minute. I am nearly ashamed to admit it, but she actually struck us. Not once, but each time we had a mind of our own and did as we pleased. That poor belt was used more on our seats than it was to hold up daddy's pants. Can you imagine someone actually hitting a child just because he disobeyed? Now you can

see how mean she really was.

We had to wear clean clothes and take a bath. The other kids always wore their clothes for days. We reached the heights of insults because she made our clothes herself, just to save money. Why, oh why, did we have to have a mother who made us feel different from our friends?

The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and up at eight the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends. So while they slept—my mother actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she lay awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us.

She always insisted upon our telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us—and it nearly did.

By the time we were teen-agers, she was much wiser, and our life became even more unbearable. None

of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. If I spent the night with a girl friend, can you imagine she checked on me to see if I was really there. I never had the chance to elope to Mexico. That is if I'd had a boyfriend to elope with. I forgot to mention, while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old-fashioned mother refused to let me date until the age of 15 and 16. Fifteen, that is if you dated only to go to a school function. And that was maybe twice a year.

Through the years, things didn't improve a bit. We could not lie in bed "sick," like our friends did, and miss school. If our friends had a toe-ache, a hang nail or other serious ailment, they could stay home from school. Our marks in school had to be up to par. Our friends' report cards had beautiful colors on them, black for passing, red for failing. My mother, being as different as she was, would settle for nothing less than ugly black marks.

As the years rolled by, first one and then another of us was put to shame. We were graduated from high school. With our mother behind us, talking, hitting and demanding respect, none of us was allowed the pleasure of being a dropout.

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. Out of four children, a couple of us attained some higher education. None of us has ever been arrested, divorced or beaten his mate. Each of my brothers served his country. And whom do we blame for the terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother. Look at all the things we missed. We never got to march in a protest parade, nor to take part in a riot, burn draft cards, and a million and one other things that our friends did. She forced us to grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.

Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my three children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean.

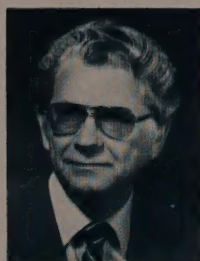
Because, you see, I thank God, He gave me the meanest mother in the world.

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# The Strength of a Triangle of Love

## Three Successful Women, Ministering Three Different Gifts



By Dr. Harold Helms  
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In the early 1970's, it seemed that there had arisen within the church-at-large a hesitancy to accept, if not an open rejection of, women's ministries. At that time, there were 14 full-time instructors at Mount Vernon Bible College (where I was then serving), half of them being women. It seemed incongruent to me that the validity of their gifts should be questioned, especially when the effectiveness of their teaching was never in doubt.

During that time and with deep emotion, I had written an article endeavoring to inspire women to be all that God had called them to be, notwithstanding any opposition. Now from a 1982 perspective, I wondered if that sermon had been

born out of more "heat" than "light."

### LIMITED GIFTS?

I re-read the article, and today I am more firmly convinced than ever that God wants to use *people*, whether male or female. Our Lord equips His bride, the Church, with gifts in order that she might be all He wants her to be. He would not equip His Church with gifts and then limit their operation. It would follow that, with the recognition of gifts in our ladies, there should also be an encouragement that these gifts be exercised.

### THREE EFFECTIVE WOMEN— DIFFERENT GIFTS

I would like to reflect briefly on three women with differing gifts who have affected my life directly and indirectly:

My mother was a homemaker—nothing more, nothing less. She lived for her family. Though neighbors loved and respected her, it was clear to her family of seven children that her interest lay in them and, later on, in their families. I do not mean to suggest that mom's influence was limited to the house in which she lived, for she so influenced her family that she exercised more "clout" from her home than one might imagine. I

have often thought that she exercised more authority while sitting in her "easy chair" than some "liberated" ladies do when serving on every committee in the community. She spoke and acted with an authority which was authenticated by a life committed to serving. Nothing seemed to please her more than to serve her family and to be surrounded by them.

The second woman about whom I write is Aimee Semple McPherson. I was never personally exposed to her ministry, but I now pastor the church which she, under God, built. Angelus Temple, dedicated in 1923 by this 32-year-old evangelist, is still today an imposing, impressive structure. It possibly has the most historic significance of any Pentecostal church, and the present move of God's Spirit in the congregation promises a bright future.

So if one seeks for contemporary proof that God uses women, he need look no further than Angelus Temple, LIFE Bible College, KFSG radio, and this magazine itself which has its roots in *The Bridal Call*, a magazine published by Sister McPherson.

In contrasting two women I can find no better examples than the two I have just mentioned—one a rather shy, self-effacing wife and home-



Dr. Helms remembers his mother: "My mother probably exercised more authority while sitting in her 'easy chair' than some 'liberated' ladies do...."



On Aimee Semple McPherson (center): "If one seeks for contemporary proof that God uses women, he need look no further than Angelus Temple, LIFE Bible College, KFSG radio...."

Mrs. Harold Helms (right) "is not like my mother and neither is she an Aimee Semple McPherson...."

maker hardly known beyond her own community; and the other, a famous personality known worldwide.

The third woman about whom I write is my wife. Hundreds of Foursquare pastors including myself have the following testimony: they met their wife at college, graduated together, and went into the ministry. Though I have never researched the matter (I think it is unnecessary), I doubt that there is any other denomination with as many licensed or ordained women ministers in proportion to men ministers as there are in Foursquedom.

My wife is not like my mother and neither is she an Aimee McPherson. It would be so wrong for her to aspire to be either. It is also unfair, unkind, and I believe, unscriptural, "for any person, or for any ecclesiastical creed, to demand that she be limited in public ministry. Neither is it fair to hold Sister McPherson's example before her and suggest that God wants to use her in the same way "if she will only commit herself." The Holy Spirit gives His gifts to all "as He will" (I Cor. 12:11).

## NOT MEN'S OR WOMEN'S MINISTRIES, BUT MINISTRY

My experience in ministry along-

side women has been a rewarding one. It includes 10 years at Mount Vernon Bible College, 6½ years in Decatur, Illinois, where we ministered with Rev. Mrs. K. W. Erickson, and now in Angelus Temple where we have some extremely gifted women on our pastoral staff.

Looking at these ladies' ministries as objectively as I can, I have concluded that the characteristics which I most admire in their work and those which I do not admire are exactly the same as those in any man's ministry. I fully concur with one of our supervisors whom I recently asked, "How do you feel about women's ministries?" His response was, "I do not look for men's ministries or women's ministries—I look for *ministry*."

I am not suggesting there is no difference between male and female. "Male and female created He them" (Gen. 5:2) suggests that our sexuality has significance. But that same verse continues by saying that He "called their name Adam." Notice the singular. He did not even call them "The Adams!"

## HIS/HER ROLES TO FOLLOW CHRIST

Certainly the roles of husband and wife, male and female, are different.

She is indeed to be submissive, but he is to realize that he has not achieved headship in the home. He has been assigned that responsibility.

No Bible-believing wife can honestly deny that she should be submissive to her husband. But notice, please, righteous Abigail who stood against her husband's wishes and spared her household (I Sam. 25); or Queen Vashti who refused her husband's demand that she sacrifice her modesty before his drunken companions (Esther 1); or Deborah who refused to submit any longer to the rule of Jabin the King (Judges 4). Her rebellion had God's blessing upon it. A woman's ultimate answer (or that of a citizen or an employee) is the same as the apostle's in Acts 5:29, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

Mary, the mother of Jesus, left us a good example. She knew when to yield ("Be it (done) unto me according to thy word."—Luke 1:38) and she knew when to assert herself ("The mother of Jesus saith unto Him, They have no wine."—John 2:3). A wise woman knows when to be submissive and when to be assertive. When you find such a balanced woman, "call her blessed" (Prov. 31:28).



HERITAGE: In keeping with Mother's Day, Sidney Correll, a relatively close friend of Aimee Semple McPherson for 17½ years, focuses on the personhood of Sister McPherson. Dr. Rolf K. McPherson gives the introduction to this special two-part series. By Sidney Correll

# A Canadian Farm Girl with the "Charisma of Salvation."

## Special Introduction by Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, President:

Perhaps no human influence upon a mature person's life and conduct is greater than that of the memory of a godly mother. In his later years, Coleridge wrote: "A mother is a mother still, the holiest thing alive." All I am I owe to my mother. This is particularly true in my case as my mother really told us about the Lord and inspired us to do His work. She was not only my mother, but the mother of a host of people spiritually.

Not every mother, of course, was or is a great evangelist and pastor. But every mother who lives a godly life and who invests her mother love in her children is exercising an influence that is unequalled by any other, an influence for good that will persist long after all other forces bearing upon us have waned.

When we remember that Jesus honored His mother from the agonies of the cross, securing her in the faithful care of John, the beloved, then it surely seems altogether proper that we should set aside a special day to remember and honor our mothers. "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land" (Exodus 20:12, KJV).



**I**t was a Friday night back in May of 1924. My uncle, Ed Gentry, had visited a place called Angelus Temple, said he had gotten converted, and came to our house full of amazing wonder telling about "this lovely woman dressed all in white who preached." So 'twas that my mother, father and I went to Angelus Temple with Uncle Ed.

That night my life was *totally* and *irrevocably changed*. I had never heard the gospel before and I believe, 58 years later, that God in His sovereign wisdom had given this young Canadian farm girl the "charisma of salvation." There was such power that whenever Sister invited

you to come to Christ, something exploded in your heart and not only I, but hundreds upon hundreds were led to their salvation. What a sight to behold, seeing hundreds streaming down the aisles and experiencing born again salvation!

## SHE HAD THE MARKS OF A CORDIAL, GRACIOUS WOMAN

But what kind of person was this woman "dressed all in white who preached"? She was always pleasant, outgoing and kind. What a gift of God was possessed by Aimee Semple McPherson! Whether you were dressed in overalls or a suit, scrubbing the floors with mop and bucket or the mayor, she was equally

cordial and gracious. I can never remember when there was not a kind word of greeting of some form from her. She always had just the right word that made you proud on the inside. She gave of herself. Here, possibly, was her great power. There was something about her that inspired you to do the impossible for the Lord.

## SHE WAS A COMPASSIONATE, YET LONELY WOMAN

In 1935, I was invited by Sister McPherson to go around the world with her and her traveling companion, Ella Nordin. One day in Hong Kong she said to me, "Sidney, can you find Robert Semple's grave in the Happy Valley Cemetery for me?" (Robert Semple was her first husband who died as a missionary in China.) Accompanying her to the grave, Ella and I stopped a short distance away. She knelt for a few minutes, and then all of her loneliness and deep grief burst forth. She threw herself prostrate on the grave and wept and cried. Finally, Ella and I literally picked her up off the ground and took her back to the hotel. We sailed on one of the President lines the following day for Manila. For four days, she never came out of her cabin, and when I saw her next, her eyes were red.

## SHE RECOGNIZED THE VALUE OF YOUNG WOMEN WORKING FOR THE LORD

Aimee Semple McPherson always recognized what young women could do for the Lord. While serving as a district supervisor of Foursquare churches, I constantly searched for outstanding women ready to serve in the ministry. We would take them with us to some town and find them a room, maybe a hall, give them a few dollars, and drive away. Later, upon returning, there would be a church of people established. These young women, with their white uniforms and ties, possibly a tambourine, would be singing, preaching and winning souls to Christ. A considerable number of large churches in the Foursquare Gospel today were started by these dedicated young women. 4

Next issue: Street meetings, depression days, and an encounter with an agnostic.



'Representatives from the 'Western Electric' and the 'Times-Mirror' assure me that for \$20,000-25,000 they could install a broadcasting station in Angelus Temple that would send the Message clearly for 4,500 miles. This would reach clear across the continent, far up into Canada, down beyond Panama, and over to the Hawaiian Islands!'

—Aimee Semple McPherson, 1923



Top left: Aimee Semple McPherson with an unseen radio audience. Top right: The early days of radio. Bottom: Dr. Rolf K. McPherson displays plaque (seated) while Station Manager Alan Bowles (left) and Dr. Charles Duarte, Acting General Manager, look on.

# KFSG Radio Receives National Award

By Janice Pedersen,  
Editor

It was the early 1920's—days of change, modern technology, post World War I, pre-depression, President Calvin Coolidge, the perfection of the automobile and... radio. Aimee Semple McPherson was definitely not behind schedule in recognizing the immense possibilities of radio. With an incontestable positive spirit, nothing would stop her from becoming the first woman to receive a

Federal Communications Commission license for radio broadcasting. Two massive steel towers were installed on the roof of Angelus Temple holding four antenna wires, and with a current frequency of 1,080,000 cycles per second, KFSG became the first completely religious radio station in the nation to begin operation.

Today, the massive towers are gone, but KFSG's call letters (KRKD 1960-

70) have never ceased to "Kall (the) Foursquare Gospel." The National Religious Broadcasters recognized KFSG's uninterrupted 58 years of broadcasting and awarded the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel the coveted Milestone Award for being the oldest religious station licensee in the nation. The Milestone Award is presented for the most outstanding contribution to religious radio in "continuing excellence and achievement."

Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, President, flew to Washington, D.C., to receive the award at this year's N.R.B. convention Feb. 7-10. The convention was highlighted by addresses from President Ronald Reagan, Dr. Billy Graham, and the honorable Mark S. Fowler, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. Over 1100 radio and television stations were represented.

It all started on Feb. 6, 1924, when Aimee Semple McPherson gave the winds a mighty voice. KFSG was the third station in Los Angeles to begin operation, the first two being KHJ and KFI which are also still on the air. Today, the powerful signal of KFSG, FM 96.3, sweeps over five counties of Southern California with a 11,000,000 population. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, it sends forth the glorious gospel in message and song.

Aimee Semple McPherson, a woman of the future, unafraid of new ideas and new technology, saw great potential in radio. In the *Bridal Call* magazine, July, 1923, she wrote:

"Like some fantastic dream, like a visionary tale from the Arabian Nights; Swifter than the six-league boots of a giant;

Now...the crowning blessing, the most golden opportunity;

The most miraculous conveyance for the Message has come...the Radio!"

During the summer of 1924, Bible college students would arrange tent meetings in eight surrounding cities and attach a loud speaker to a radio receiving set. Then the entire service as broadcast from the Temple was entered into by these assemblages, even to the altar call!

"There are other great broadcasting stations to amuse and entertain the people," wrote Sister McPherson in 1926. "KFSG is doing a practical work—the results of which will stand throughout eternity. Let us do our part to keep the great Message 'On the Air.'"



*"We fast and pray constantly, interceding for believers and the nation as a whole. Soon, the Holy Spirit will pour over Christians, and strong disciples will go to spread the Word."*  
*Emegene Ziegler Manthe,*  
*Republic of the Transkei*  
*in South Africa*

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**T**radition has imbedded our people in superstition and witchcraft," says Emegene Ziegler Manthe of the Republic of the Transkei in South Africa.

"Nevertheless, believers have broken the shackles of fear and encourage others to do likewise. The result is that more and more people now attend services, for which we praise Jesus, but the work is still vast."



Throughout history, God has relied upon faithful servants to intercede before Him in prayer in situations requiring mighty intervention. Such a person is Emegene Ziegler Manthe.

For 50 years, the Ziegler family has ministered to the Red Blanket People of the Transkei. Since the age of four, Emegene grew up loving the people that God called her family to serve. Eventually, that love manifested itself in a call to the ministry. So, in 1948 she left for the U.S. to begin her studies at LIFE Bible College. Upon completion of her training, she returned home, met Gustave Manthe, and married. God blessed them with eight children. Some of them carry on the missionary tradition. The eldest, Howard, now serves as a missionary to England.

Emegene works mainly with women. She travels 500-900 miles covering her ministerial

*Mothers can so easily speak the language of children. This toy boat, a gift from Foursquare mothers thousands of miles away, expresses a truth, "Jesus loves you." The simple terms speak so appropriately that even this child can understand.*



*This believer has offered Jesus her talent as a cook. The meals she prepares speak more eloquently than many words to this pastor. They say, "Be strengthened after a job well done."*



*Traditionally, Africans sing for hours at their celebrations. The Lord has honored that characteristic in these girls. They sing in the choir in the town of St. John. Their hymns contribute vibrant worship to mission life.*





# A PROFILE OF FOURSQUARE WORLD MINISTRIES TRANSKEL IN SOUTH AFRICA

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*Heaven resounds with the strong prayers of these women. Unceasing intercession aims God's power into otherwise hopeless situations. Many owe so much to God's mercy and His faithfulness.*



*Many people walk great distances to attend services. So local believers prepare meals to fortify travelers prior to their homeward journeys. This girl carries firewood for such an occasion.*



circuit. Her labors center in "kraals" (homes), then shift to churches. About home meetings she says, "In preparation, villagers select the largest kraal. They serve tea and a tasty homemade bread. During tea, the hostess rings a bell summoning her neighbors to the study. Then the study leader teaches new choruses for worship. Afterwards, a timely gospel-centered message is given." Church services contrast uniquely: "Church starts at 9 p.m. and ends at 6 a.m. because husbands do not want their wives walking home alone at night," Emegene says. "Usually women, boys, girls and some men attend the services. Although few men attend, they generally acknowledge that the Lord is present."

Emegene and all the mission workers fast on a once-a-week basis. She summarizes their motivation: "We feel that believers desperately need a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. The challenges are so great and our personal strength is so limited. A greater manifestation of the spiritual gifts will encourage disciples to spread the gospel."

God promises to answer prayer; especially supplication, crying to see Him glorified. Let us agree with Emegene Manthe that heaven will refresh its children. So, soon a great light may displace the darkness. God has found people willing to "stand in the gap." Now, we can expect Him to rebuild the nation.

## For a Prayer Focus

- Pray that the government will continue to remain stable.
- Ask for a fresh anointing upon believers.
- Pray that the numbers of national workers will be multiplied.
- Pray that God will supply the \$5,000 needed for the Christian Education and Youth Center in Umtata.

Let us agree with Emegene Manthe in prayer as we reach the Transkel for Christ...

**Together!**



# INTERNATIONAL UPDATE... A REPORT OF FOURSQUARE WORLD MINISTRIES



## BOLIVIA

**FIND THE HIDDEN PEOPLE.** The Beni Foursquare Church is presently researching the unchurched tribes and language groups of the area. The plans are to evangelize them when the study reveals the most feasible method of doing so. Three groups are targeted: the Chimanes, Yuras and Trinitarios. Since rivers provide the main access to these people, travel assistance ranks as a top priority. The cost is approximately \$1,025 per year. Please send gifts to Foursquare Missions International.

**FINDING THE FOUND.** The Beni Foursquare Church regularly visits members who no longer attend services. Since active members decided to follow through with this and other ministries, the congregation has grown 75% within the last year.

**HUMILITY BEFORE....** After teaching about submission, a prominent pastor realized that he likewise needed to "submit" to his congregation. Now, his church shares more love in unity than ever before. And workers consistently devote more free time to the Lord's service.

## COLOMBIA

**BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN.** Recently, the Lord challenged the Firths prophetically: "Why wait for the axe to fall? Call to me and I will show you great and mighty things, about which you know nothing. Is anything too hard for the Lord?" The message refers to social pressures spreading across Latin America. In response, the Firths invited their congregation to fast and pray once a week for the continent. To date, God has mercifully indicated that as His people continue to intercede—He will break through with glorious answers. The Firths covet all our prayers as well.

**SO MANY KIDS! WHAT TO DO?** People are being "born again" in droves. In fact, most of the congregation are three years old or under in the Lord. They pray for the sick, deliver the possessed and constantly win new souls. Many individuals exhibit great strides in biblical knowledge as well. The only problem is that they can't all fit into the present building. The Firths just grin and bear it.

**CELEBRATE THE HARVEST.** The work in the northern part of Bogota is three years old. It began with one family. Now 500 worship together each Sunday. The church family has extended itself to offer 60 home group meetings each week.

**"JUST SPEAK THE WORD...."** Fanny Infante, a member of the Bogota church, became ill with a heart condition. After two months, the doctors elected for a pace maker. However, prior to surgery the Lord led Fanny to go and ask the church for a "laying on of hands." She did so. Her heart immediately became sound. Electrocardiograms revealed no trace of her former condition. Please note: during a recent spiritual clinic, Fanny prayed—non-stop—from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.!

**HYMNS OF GLADNESS...STRAINS OF PRAISE.** Jesus has endowed Rosemary Firth with many talents, among them, music. She instructs and encourages many through her skills. With plans in the offing for a new church building, she has requested that adequate space be allotted for a choir and orchestra. Scripture teaches that godly music refreshes and soothes. Let us

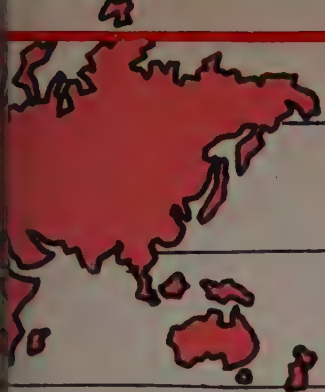


Rosemary Firth has written her work on the hearts of these children. Her patience and understanding have drawn them close to Jesus. Her example has set a standard for their adult lives.



"Hermana Querida" means "beloved sister." Through years of service to the people of Colombia, Rosemary Firth has cultivated tender relationships with many members of God's family.





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pray that God will grant this request, so that her ministry may strengthen many more lives.

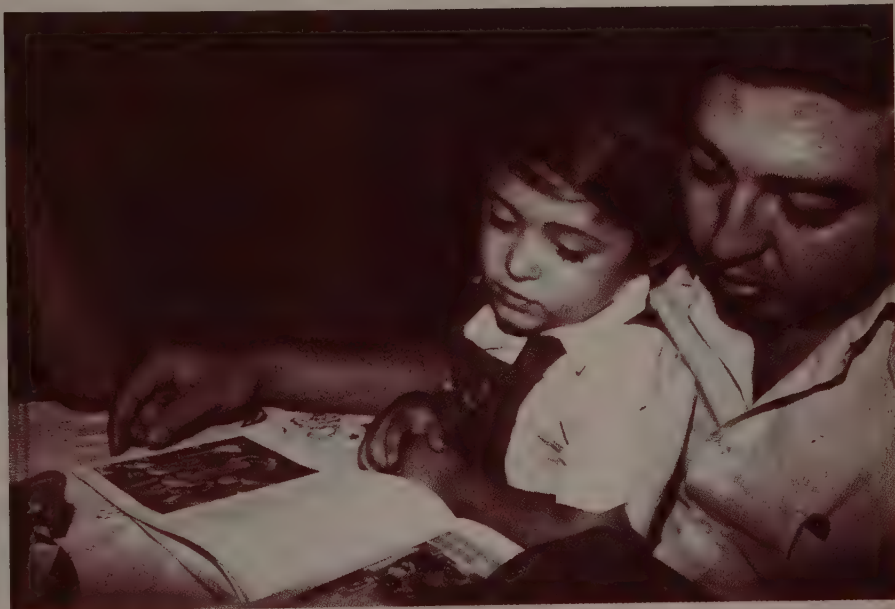
### CHILE

**A GREAT AWAKENING.** The southern part of Chile is experiencing a real awakening, Glen and Sharon Pummel report. God has put very good men there who are sacrificing to see the area's spiritual and cultural level rise. On the island of Laitec, the book of Acts is still in action as people are saved, healed and delivered—especially from alcohol. Formerly helpless alcoholics are now being discipled by a national pastor who travels there once a month. He also helps the head man on the island lead those who have come to Christ.

Funds are needed for the ongoing work of evangelism in that nation. Close to \$10,000 a year is needed for evangelistic training endeavors and materials. The small congregation the Pummels pastor in Santiago is assisting with \$150 per month to this area. The Laitec believers are constructing a beautiful church strategically located in the very center of the island.



*"Talk to Jesus. He understands you." A Foursquare worker imparts this message to her class. She teaches that access to God comes through Jesus, a person intimately acquainted with our hearts.*



*"One generation will praise Thee to the next." This believing father shares salvation truths with his son. As Foursquare missionaries preach the gospel, many families unite in Christ.*



*God's Spirit ministers to these Christians as they worship. The emphasis upon praise within Foursquare churches opens many hearts to receive the healing, liberty and power found in Jesus.*





1982 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION: Rev. Paul Risser, Pastor of the Florence Avenue Foursquare Church, Santa Fe Springs, CA, shares the opening keynote address. Full convention coverage next issue.

# The "Tychicus" Principle Making Missions A Two-way Operation



**T**he country is Burma—in it lives a tribe of 100,000 people. The tribesmen say a "brother" is going to come with a white book. He will tell them about the Creator—they believe in the Creator, but they have lost touch with Him. The "brother" will tell them.

One day a prophet among them told the people to saddle a pony and "follow the pony because he will lead you to the brother." Well, the tribesmen thought he was crazy, but they did as he said. The pony walked and they followed...through rivers, on trails, over hills—200 miles. Entering a city, not knowing where they were, the pony stopped—right next to a deserted well. Not a man in sight, but the pony wouldn't budge.

The only place they hadn't looked



was in the well itself, so they gave it a try, and there they found a white missionary digging the well. All the while, the missionary had been praying, "God, how can I reach the people?" The tribe found the "brother with a white book" and thousands were saved.

The story is a case study by Don Richardson, author of the book, *ETERNITY IN THEIR HEARTS*. Rev. Paul Risser, Convention Chairman, shared it in his keynote address to make a point:

"As sure as God has prepared the hearts of people around the world for the gospel, so He has moved upon those who have the gospel to share it with the waiting hearts. Every Christian, every church, should be involved in some way, at some level, in the sending of the gospel. Many of these people have been prepared, but the "brother" didn't come. Nobody came. Missions is not an option."

The keynote address by Rev. Risser provided a firm foundation for the 1982 International Foursquare Convention, April 20-25. With the theme, "Commissioned Beyond Ourselves," convention delegates sought to reevaluate the role of the Foursquare Church in worldwide evangelism.

According to Pastor Risser, the Foursquare organization has never vacillated in its commitment to missions. "Around the world with the Foursquare Gospel" was the motivation of our founder, and from the beginnings of our headquarters church, Angelus Temple, came person after person to preach the gospel overseas, as well as at home. Today, the Foursquare Gospel Church has planted over 5,000 churches around the world.

However, nearly 60 years after our beginnings, Pastor Risser contends that a new generation is

arising that needs to declare its own commitment to global evangelism. When one generation attempts to fulfill the vision of another, an element is missing.

In order for the Foursquare Church of the '80's to "OWN" its missionary endeavor, Rev. Risser shared that we must move missions closer to the local church. "The Foursquare movement organized Missions International to help the churches achieve together what they could not do individually," he said. "However, there appears to be a gradual tendency to give the responsibility for vision away from the local church. Has the responsibility of missions been misplaced? Is it possible we have put the missions agency into the burdensome position of pressing the church to carry out its missionary responsibility? I think we have reversed the biblical order."

The chairman used Acts 13 as a correct biblical pattern. Out of the Antioch church came the first Christian missionaries. "Notice that the HOLY SPIRIT spoke to the church to separate Barnabas and Saul (Paul) for evangelizing," he said. "It was not Barnabas and Saul (or even headquarters in Jerusalem) urging the Antioch church to become involved in world evangelization. At this convention we want to return to basics and invite the Holy Spirit to again speak to the church regarding its mission to the world."

Again referring to the Antioch pattern, Rev. Risser said, "After the church responded to the Holy Spirit's directive by sending out Barnabas and Paul, a natural order followed. The missionaries returned following their first journey and reported the glorious things that had happened. Of course, it brought great joy and enthusiasm to the church.

"It seems to me that such interplay between missionaries and the local church causes the church to

catch the responsibility and vision of missions. Shortly thereafter, Antioch became the sending agency of TWO missionary teams: Paul and Silas, and Barnabas and John Mark."

According to Rev. Risser, new means and methods must be created to maintain the church vision for missions. Right now, missionaries are spending more time on the field and less time in the United States for furlough. This reduces the number of churches who can be blessed by their visits and reports.

So how do we get the message back to the local church? "In Colossians 4," Pastor Risser continued, "Paul sent Tychicus from Rome to Colosse to find out how the church was doing. But at the same time, he sent Tychicus to tell them how PAUL was doing. He probably said, 'Paul is in prison, but don't feel badly because the gospel is going out. Every soldier that comes and talks to him is getting saved.' And that message no doubt excited the church. This is a very key part.

"So it is a two-way operation. First, someone should bring the spiritual results of the field to the local church. Second, this same person should let the missionary know that we at home are holding his hand in prayer and support."

Pastor Risser stated that these "Tychicuses" would be reinforcements to our present missionaries. A "Tychicus" could spend much more time on the home field than a missionary could and would bring first-hand news from many fields instead of just one.

The "Tychicus" missionary would also have a gift for communicating, according to Rev. Risser. The transition of communicating from the foreign field to the home field is very demanding and can press the best of missionaries to the limit. "Tychicus" could take over some of



# MOTHERS CLUB: Raising Today's Children for Tomorrow's World

By Mrs. Connie Fralick  
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California



God was the original Architect and Designer of the home and family. But to do the actual fabrication, He uses a select group of workers. That's where "Mothers Club" enters in.

I, as a mother, am firmly sold on the concept of a Mothers Club. We have the precious responsibility of building homes, raising *today's* children for *tomorrow's* world. As parents, we need goals and objectives to reach for—no one wants their child to grow like "Topsy" of the "Our Gang" films. When we lose sight of our goals, we concentrate on our emotions. That's not good!

When mothers meet together with the common desire to raise better families, I believe it is felt throughout the entire church body. We *need* to have a time to exchange ideas, doubts, worries and, yes, even victories! We cannot solve our problems unless we see them. Proverbs 27:23 (NASV) encourages vigilance: "Know well the condition of your flocks." And the New Testament frequently reminds us to know what is going on: "Let each one examine his own work" (Gal. 6:4, NASV); "Examine yourselves" (II Cor. 13:5). The Bible teaches a spiritual quality control in order to produce a superior product.

With the Bible, our main source of encouragement, and books by Christian

educators, we follow a prescribed course of study. At the end of each teaching period we discuss the lesson itself or problems of the moment. This is always a rewarding time.

The three things I hope to teach my mothers are: 1) *competence*—power, ability, enablement. That which you don't have but desperately need can come from God. 2) *compassion*—God's love is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (see Rom. 5:5). Human love is conditional; divine love is unconditional. 3) *control*—self-control is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The secret of a disciplined child is a controlled parent. For this you need inner peace. "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts," wrote Paul (Col. 3:15).

I have a great admiration for the woman who started a Mothers Club about 15 years ago when my oldest child was very small. I saw all of the above-mentioned qualities evident in her life and it made a lasting impression on me. I'd like to thank Mrs. Evelyn Goodman, wife of the pastor of our Twenty Nine Palms Foursquare Church, for what she taught me through her own example.

There are two contributors to the family construction job: the Builder (the Lord) and the laborers. Both are important. Both are indispensable. "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Ps. 127:1, NASV).

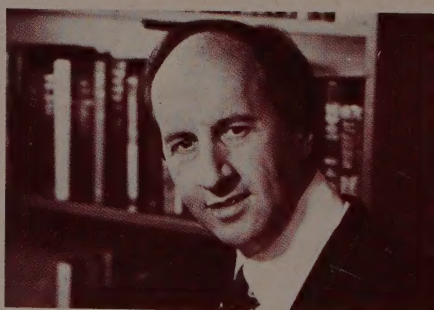
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## Former College President Jack Hayford Honored

A special tribute was paid to former LIFE Bible College President Dr. Jack Hayford at the 1982 Los Angeles Presidential Dinner for his past five years of faithful ministry. Gathering on Feb. 25 at the Bonaventure Hotel were the Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees, and other faithful supporters of the college.

A special plaque was presented to the Van Nuys church council for their support of Dr. Hayford's ministry at LIFE Bible College. The Board of Regents presented Jack with an Apple Computer which will be of great assistance to him in his varied ministries. New College President Jack Hamilton also paid a tribute to the resigning president.

In response, Dr. Hayford shared a few words entitled, "A Generation of Dreamers." Citing the recent accreditation with the American Association of Bible Col-



leges, the possible relocation of the college, and the completely redeveloped correspondence studies program, Hayford said, "We have watched God begin something mighty—something so dramatic that He says thereby, 'If you will be unafraid to believe it, I have only begun with you.' I believe that. I am of a generation of dreamers."

With full confidence in LIFE Bible College graduates, Hayford said, "The Holy Spirit is moving with purpose and power in our student body. I am not talking of mere hallelujah hoopla—I'm talking about young people with vision, with hearts full of God and with a quality of character and depth of purpose that fills the immediate future with a promise. We have a spiritually sensitive faculty, a gifted and anointed group of administrators, and they are leading more than 400 prospective soldiers of the cross through drills that are going to prepare them for victorious warfare in these last years of Century Twenty.

"I dream of LIFE Bible College being—a pacesetter in Spirit-filled training, a voice to Christ's Church, a servant to our denomination and a center of biblical balance."

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Raymond Cox

## current & events comments

### Speculations & Calculations

Well, we're down to the last year, aren't we, pastor?" a store clerk asked the other day. To my "What do you mean?" he replied, "Israel celebrates her 34th birthday

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very demanding and can press any missionary to the limit. "Tychicus" could take over some of this load.

"We hope, by the end of this decade, to be ministering the Foursquare Gospel in 55-60 countries," said Rev. Risser. "Right now we are ministering in 40. We also want to reach 100 hidden peoples by 1990. The opportunities are obvious.

"But we want the local church to originate the vision. The U.S. Church is the bow and our missions ministry is the arrow. But the arrow will not go anywhere unless the bow gives the launch. And if that string breaks...."

The country is Burma—in it lives a tribe of 100,000 people. The tribesmen say a "brother" is going to come with a white book.... Is missions merely an option? 4

this year, and there are 35 years to a generation."

The man was expressing a highly publicized theory, based on what may be a mistaken application of Mark 13:30 and its parallel passages, that Jesus must come for His Church in the rapture within 35 years of the birth of the nation Israel (May 14, 1948). The verse in question reads, "Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done" (Matt. 24:34 and Luke 21:32 have "fulfilled" instead of "done"). We are being told that Jesus meant the generation which witnessed the rebirth of the nation Israel and that a generation lasts 35 years.

I fully believe that Jesus may come within that time frame, but to claim He must come, say, before May 14, 1983, is likely to be as mistaken as the calculation by Dr. Charles Taylor that the maximum date for the rapture was to be the year 1976. That author postulated the rapture as seven years at least before Israel's 35th birthday and the alleged ending of the generation period which witnessed the Jewish state's resurrection.

Of course, there is no authoritative way to define the duration of a generation. The arbitrary figure of 35 years comes from a too literal extension of Job 42:16 to generations as a whole: "After this lived Job a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations." Divide 140 by 4 and you get 35 years. But this sort of calculation is no more binding than the chronologies of Genesis based on genealogies.

Moreover, it is possible that the Greek word translated "generation" means in this passage "race," as C. M. Ward used to point out. In that case, the prophesy would mean that the Jewish race would not pass away till all was fulfilled, a somewhat attractive interpretation as well as translation in the light of the Jews' survival through the centuries.

The big problem with insisting on an eschatological climax during the first 35 years of a reborn Israel is the circumstance that there is no necessary linkage between that date and the rapture. God separates mankind into three categories: Jews, Gentiles (the nations), and Church (cf. I Cor. 10:32). The Church comprises people who before conversion belonged to one of the other categories but have now been translated into God's kingdom in Christ. There are prophecies directly affecting each of these groups. There must be some linkage between prophecies concerning Jews and Gentiles. But other than indicating approach of the end-time events, the fulfillment of those prophecies have no necessary chronological linkage with prophecies concerning the Church whose next major event is the rapture.

Let's get and keep excited about the prospect of Christ's soon coming for the Church and our meeting with Him in the air. But let's never get carried away with speculations and calculations which time may expose as erroneous. Jesus may come any day. But no man knows what day. That's why we are called upon to be watching for Him continually (cf. Matt. 25:13). 4



### Building a Christian Library

**The Apostle Paul and Women in the Church**, by Don Williams, Regal Books, \$3.25, available through Foursquare Publications, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026.

Facing the issues squarely, Dr. Williams deals definitively with key questions for the Church and Christians everywhere concerning true women's liberation in Christ: Should women be silent in the church? Where do women fit in God's hierarchy? Should women teach men? Should women be ordained? and more.

**Choosing to Love**, by Jerry and Barbara Cook, pastors of the East Hill Foursquare Church in Gresham, Oregon, Regal Books, \$8.95, available through Foursquare Publications, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026.

Here is an honest look into marriage relationships through the eyes of one couple who has diligently searched the mind of God to find out what He intends this relationship to be. Their insights into the meaning of submission without domination and the conflict between fulfilling expected roles and being themselves make this a book for every married couple, young and old. The authors inspire the reader to ponder his individuality and gifts and to rethink the whole meaning and purpose of marriage, recognizing that even in the best of relationships, there will be conflict.



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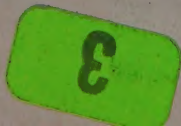
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